

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF FILING OF SALT RIVER  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION  
FOR REVISIONS REGARDING SERVICE  
CONNECTIONS

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) CASE NO.  
) 97-342  
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O R D E R

On June 9, 1997, Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Salt River") filed proposed revisions to its service connection tariff with an effective date of August 1, 1997. The Commission suspended the proposed tariff up to and including December 31, 1997 in order to determine the reasonableness of the filing.

On Sheet 47 of the tariff, Salt River proposed to delete "additional customer" and replace it with "permanent residence." This is contrary to 807 KAR 5:041, Section 11(b), which states "the utility shall refund to the customer(s) who paid for the excessive footage the cost of 1,000 feet of extension in place for each additional customer connected during the year. . . ." This regulation does not require that the additional customer be a permanent resident.

Salt River also proposed to add the following language:

All tree clearing on consumer's property will be cleared to provide a 30' width easement at consumer's expense. Cooperative will clear trees on other properties other than consumer's.

This proposed language is contrary to 807 KAR 5:041, Section 11, which requires the utility to extend 1,000 feet or less of single phase line to its existing distribution line without charge for a prospective customer.

In addition, Salt River proposed to change its rate for the installation of underground facilities; however, no cost support was provided. 807 KAR 5:041, Section 21(5)(c), requires "detailed supporting data used to determine estimated average cost differential shall be concurrently filed by the utility with the Commission and shall be updated annually."

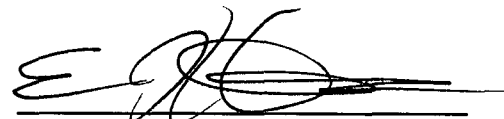
After considering the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that Salt River's proposed tariff does not comply with the above-cited regulations.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Salt River's proposed tariff is denied.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 30th day of September, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director